GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF NEW CHANNEL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals for opening of new T.V. Channels in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the proposals pending with the Government for clearance alongwith reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING & CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b) : As on date, 8 new proposals are under process for permission to uplink TV channels from India, the names of companies are as under:

(1) Ekonkar Television Pvt. Ltd.

(2) Lok Prakashan Ltd.

(3) Hamara Samay TV News Network Ltd.

(4) Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd.

(5) Media Content & Communications Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.

(6) Js Media Pvt. Ltd.

(7) Positiv TV Pvt. Ltd.

(8) Calcutta Television Network Ltd.

(c) : All these cases are at various stages of scrutiny and no delay has been noticed in the process.

(d) : No time frame can be indicated.